

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: V. Bali Group Art Unit: 2623	RECEIVED
TAKAHISA KAWADE Application No.: 09/667,550	;) ;)		OCT 1 5 2004 Technology Center 2600
Filed: September 22, 2000	;)		
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM	; ;)	October 12, 2004	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicant's representative conducted an interview with the Examiner on October 7, 2004, to discuss the outstanding final Official Action, mailed July 12, 2004. In order to advance prosecution, Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and an Interview Statement, along with this Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.